

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The currently pending claims stand restricted to Group I, claims 21-35 and Group II, claims 36-40. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement on grounds that the justification for the requirement is not supported by the facts in this case. For example, the example identified in the Office Action does not even appear in the independent claims for the respective Groups. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Since Applicants never intended their claims to be misinterpreted as defining two different inventions, Applicants have amended claim 36 to depend from claim 21, thus rendering the restriction requirement moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered and that the restriction requirement again be withdrawn.

In order to be responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicants tentatively elect Group I and claims 21-35 for substantive examination. However, because the restriction requirement was not appropriate, Applicants respectfully request that all of the pending claims be substantively examined.

Respectfully Submitted,



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